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Miscellaneous.

PRAYER, Go, when the moon is bright, when the eve declineth, Go, in the hush of night; with pure mind and feeling Fing earthly thoughts away, ad in thy chamber kneeling. Do thou in secret pray.

member all who love thee, All who are loved by thee: ly for those who hate thee, any such there be; en for thyself in meekness, A blessing humbly claim, en link with each petition, Thy great Redeemer's name.

if 'tis e'er denied thee in solitude to pray, ould holy thoughts come over thee, When friends are round thy way; en then the silent breathin Of thy spirit raised above, ill reach his throne of glory, Who is Mercy, Truth, and Love.

I not a joy or blessing, epower that he has given us ene'er thou pin'st in sadness Before His footstool fall, d remember in thy gladnes His Grace, who gave thee all.

DUEL EXTRAORDINARY.

duelling is the prevailing topic of day, and disquisitions are held it from the halls of Congress to umblest tap-room, the following act, from the 'Personal Sketches' ned out of place:

ere fighting about.

dreds of towns-people went to see and of Florida.

In May, 1539, all but 300 years ago, the Adelantado of Florida landed at the

'Holloa!' said the exciseman, dropping ais level, 'I'm battered, by Jasus!' "The devil's cure to you,' said Skelton, nstantly fired his second pistol.

One of the exciseman's legs then gave way, and down he came on his knee, exming 'Holloa!' holloa! you blood thirs-The undersigned, Proprietors of the two ty villian! do you want to take my life?" Ha! ha! have I stiffened you, my boy!, scene of one of the bloodiest battles be- mirable manner contrasted with the after-Wisely judging, however, that if he staid tween the natives and the invaders. The piece of those same men. We shall take till the exciseman recovered his legs, he ruins of this town, sacked and burned by an early occasion to lay the speech before

ran the faster for the shouting.

chastest brogue, how many holes did the entirely escape from the calamities they People to retrench expenses and correct awable at pleasure, \$60, payable half villian want to have drilled into his carcase? had brought upon these distant shores.— abuses, but that they have increased the mewable at photon and greatly extended the other. Would you have me stop to make a riddle Eighty-two Spaniards cased as they were one and greatly extended the other. of him, Jemmy?'

> return to the field, to be shot at. He rehonor required. The second called him The baggage and stores of the Spaniards number was 174, and their aggregate pay fifteen years experience as a member of who, in humble life, was pure, and inno-

the best.' 'The best! you blackguard?'

'Yes, said Frank: sure it's bet'er to be a either one or t'other of them.'

DISCOVERY OF MISSISSIPPI.

BY MANN BUTLER. years after the discovery by Columbus of h, without any particular or assign. by various adventurers, British and Spanpdy else; and gentlemen often got ed. The former is supposed to have landives shot before they could tell what ed, on the 12th of April, 1559, near the bay, now called Apalachee. After passn election for Queen's County, be- ing six months in exploring Florida, he ren. Walsh and Mr. Warburton of coasted the southern margin of this State, linch, about the year 1783, took and the whole party, except four, were good in the French metropolis. A new he most curious duel of any which shipwrecked, near the mouth of the Mis. English Wesleyan Chapel was opened a he most curious duel of any which curious duel of the duel of any which curious duel of any which curious duel of the duel of any which curious duel of any which curious duel of the duel of any which curious duel of any which boisterous joking, fat young fellow reached the city of Mexico. De Soto, so crowded on the occasion that an adjoinprevailed on, much against his grain, whose fame you so well commemorate, in ing room was opened to accommodate enge the exciseman of the town for one of the northern counties of the State, those who were present. A collection of g the buttend of a horse-whip down possibly in the path of his ancient explo- 1,102 francs were taken.—A commodious out the night before, whilst he lay ration, next followed. This most remark- and well situated building near the Bouleand sleeping with his mouth open, able adventurer, even at a time and in a vards St. Denis and St. Martin, has also reseman insisted that snoring at a mation of unsurpassed enterprise, as if been taken for the French Wesleyan service. It is capable of holding from 3 to desired to realize the wildest visions of the house and superintendence of the committee, in the company, and would be as a member, reported make make no apology.

The relicant to fight; the was sure the did; as the exciseman could with a pistol-ball; and as he was as big as a hundred dozen of ward fate with the stately forests of Missions, and an increase in the salary of being poisoned in the timebeth, in case the particular of the fundament of the house and superintendence of the grounder, and is still managed by Mr. Dickerson, who was a member, reported the committee, in the conquest of the committee, in the conquest of the committee, in the conquest of the committee of the house and superintendence of the committee, in the committee of the house and superintendence of the committee, in the committee of the committee, in the conduction of the particular and is still managed by Mr. Dickerson, who of the committee of the what chance could he have? We ward fate with the stately forests of Mis- hymn books, 3,160 prayer books, and 7,n jocosely to give the exciseman no sissippi. His keen passion for adventure 200 geographies. take aim at him, by which means, hit perhaps hit his adversary first be survived the contest. He seemed he easily obtained from the partiality and

pistols, and half believed to them boldest of the European explorations of Alabama, Mississippi and Arhansas.—

On now recollected his instructions, so fine, excluse and self-them are fine and all them at home and self-them at home and self-them at home for Mississippi and self-them at home and self-them at home for Mississippi and se

at once; and as the exciseman was delibe- the Peruvian historian, "one of the most rately and most scientifically coming to politic, proud and warlike of the native chieftains of the South." He has left his name indelibly stamped in a river, and the capital of the neighboring State of Alabama. His territories must have compromised a great part of what are now he States of Alabama and Mississin

vila, (evidently the origin of Mobile,) trict. The professions of the prominent which is supposed to have stood about men now in power, made in 28 with all about the junction of the Tombeckbee the vehemence of a demagogue and affec-'Why, to be sure I do!' said Skelton, with the Alabama river. Here was the ted candor of the hypocrite, are in an admight have a couple of shots to stand, he the Spaniards, became the tomb of the our readers. In the meantime we cannot wheeled about, took to his heels, and got heroic chief of Tuscaloosa, and, several forbear glancing at some of its discloaway as fast as possible. The crowd shou. thousands of his subjects. The plain a sures. ted; but Skelton, like a hare when started, round the town was strewn with more than 2,500 bodies. Within the walls, the speech by copious citations of the com-Jemmy Mossit, his own second, followed, streets were blocked up by the dead."— plaints urged against Mr. Adams' Admin-overtook, tripped up his heels; and cursing "In one building a thousand perished in istration, of favoritism and extravagance; him for a disgraceful rascal, asked 'why he ran away from the exciseman?'

Treasury.'' Now sir, no re-organization so in the language and illustration of one have Van Buren, Benton, Buchanan, and of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, of the Department has yet been attemptation of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, and the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, of the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, and the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, and the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, and the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friends, Mr. Buchanan, and the Department has yet been attemptation of your own friend in armour of steel, and forty-two Spanish

had stuck so fast between the bones of the exciseman's leg that he could not stand. Severing fortitude in the natives, the Span- \$409,669 32! besides extra pay allowed salaries and compensation of the whole lord? The prophet then recounted to The friends of the latter then proposed to strap him to a tree, that he might be able to shoot Skelton, but this being positively ish party came in sight of the Mississippi for the year 1836 of \$53,000! Further:

In 1828, we heard nothing of a Comband be guitty towards the people of the office of Collector for professing manding General's office, with its clerks objected to by Frank, the exciseman was carried home; his first wound was on the above the northern limits of this State, is Collector—a supple instrument—appoin—In 1838, the Collector—a supple instrument—appoin—app side of his thigh, and the second in his an ancient and convenient passage over ted in his stead. A few days ago this new right leg; but neither proved at all danger. the great river. Here De Soto is suppos. Collector discharged one hundred of the at \$600 per year. Frank as he called it, on his recovery chal. comport with the purpose of this discourse do more work for the party at the next pensation was \$2,950. lenged Skelton in his turn. Skelton ac. to follow this gallant, but unfortunate wan. election. Great complaint was made in 1838, the Adjutant General am. cepted the challenge, but said he was tould derer beyond the limits of the Mississippi. 1828, on the score of Executive and Le. ploys seven clerks and a messenger, whose he had a right to choose his own weapons. I will barely mention, that, after penetra- gislative patronage of the press. The joint compensation is \$8,226. The exciseman, knowing that such was the ting to the highlands of White river, 200 Retrenchment Report states that in three and not anticipating any new invention, rie, the Salines and Hot Springs of Wash. ams, the Executive Departments paid for sation was \$3,900. acquiesced. 'Then,' said Skelton, 'for my itta, the Spanish Captain reached the printing and advertising \$71,830 51. Mr. In 1838, the salary of the same numweapons, I choose my fists: and, by the powers, you gauger, I'll give you such a Here he sent out a party to explore the formers, the same Departments paid for senger's salary. basting that your nearest relations shan't country farther to the south. The fre- the like purpose, \$170,058 18! The In 1828, I have been unable to discovknow you. Skelton insisted on his right, quent bayous, the impassable canebrakes, committee pronounce extravagant, the er any allowance for clerks to the Quarter and the exciseman not approving of this species of combat, got nothing by his challenge, the affair stopped, and Skelton triumphed.

Skelton insisted on his right, and the dense woods, permitted them to proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the disheartening intelligence they had proceed but 40 miles in eight days; thus obstructed, the party returned with the certain the first days.

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In 1828, the officer employed in the office at Washington, seven clerks, whose united compensation is \$7, the sorrows of his whole career in these the same purpose, the enormous sum of ed three clerks, whose joint salary was regions, so different from his fate on the \$751,584 62? In six years the Refor. \$2,950. him by a tribe of Indians near Natchez, a sum as the Whigs did in eight years. On the 27th March, 1512, fourteen broke the heart of De Soto. He fell a the Executive Departments generally, ir Jonah Barrington, may not be the main land of America, Ponce de Le- the body of the dauntless associate of Pi- extract from his remarks on this head libon discovered Florida, in his romantic zarro, the Governor of Cuba and the first erally: relections were more prolific in du- search for the fountain of youth. This explorer of these south-western regions, m any other public meetings: they seldom originated at a horse race, light, hunt, or any place of amuse-folks there had pleasure in view, folks there had pleasure in view, omething else to do' than to quarrel; the waters of Florida, the discoverer died omething else to do' than to quarrel; the waters of Florida, the discoverer died of mortally wounded in a contest with the mortally wounded in a contest with the corpse wrapt in a mantle and in the stillness of midnight, was silently sunk in the Mississippi." Thus the discoverer of Mississippi slept beneath its waters. "He the House of voting to themselves copies that crossed the continent in search of mortally wounded in a contest with the all elections, or at assizes, or, in mortally wounded in a contest with the gold," says the eloquent and most learnany place of business, almost eve. warlike natives. He was soon followed ed Bancroft, "and had found nothing so out restraint. remarkable as his burial place." Three ason, immediately became a violent ish. But Pamphilo de Narvaez and He hundred out of one thousand, who had nando de Soto, were the most distinguish embarked with Dc Soto, alone lived to reembarked with DcSoto, alone lived to return to Mexico and to his heart broken

wife, the noble Bobadilla. Our Methodist friends are doing much

to West Chester prison.

no time, cocking both his pistols written, is first presented. He was, says money at par .- New-Orieans paper.

POLITICAL.

From the Columbus (Ohio.) Register.

speeches, but none more severe-than the one recently delivered in Congress by Mr. The Spaniards entered his town of Mau- Bond, member from the Chillicothe Dis-

Mr. Bond very properly opens his

Mr. Benton in his famous Retrench-The second insisted that Skelton should horses were killed by the Indians, and ment Report of 1826, gave a list of all Cambreleng) now Chairman of the Com. er has a strong, a natural tendency to cor. mourned, "says the same historian," "as the officers, with their salaries, at the cussisted, affirming that he had done all that if they had been so many fellow-soldiers." tom-house in the city of New York. The during the last special session, that after grows with its possession; and the man were consumed in the flames of the town. \$119,620 39. Benton exclaims-" A this House, he found it difficult to under. cent, and just, has often been transformed, 'By my sowl!' returned he, 'my dear The next point reached by the expedition, formidable list, indeed!-formidable in stand these Treasury accounts, and the by the long possession of power, into a Jemmy Moffit, may be so! you may call me of immediate interest to us, is the pro- numbers, and still more so from the vast manner in which the Secretary's Annual monster. In the sacred Book, which cona coward, if you please; but I did it all for vince and town of Chicaga or Chickasaw. amount of money in their hands. The Report on the finances is stated !! This is supposed to have been the upper action of such a body of men, animated Next, as to the War Department. In as well as the christian, we find a happy part of this State on the Western bank of by one spirit, must be tremendous in an 1828, the Secretary of War employed a illustration of the corrupting influence of the Yazoo, about 240 miles Northwest of election." Mr. Benton continues at length chief clerk, besides seventeen clerks and power upon the human heart. When Hacoward than a corpse! and I must have been Mobile. Here the Spaniards experienced to expose the dangerous tendency of the two messengers. His salary, and their zel came to consult Elisha whether his a desperate night attack from the Indians, patronage at the President's command, compensation, amounted to \$28,650. ___ master, the King of Syria, would recov-However, he was dragged up to the losing many of their men and more of and to show the necessity of checking it. ground by his second, after agreeing to fight again, if he had another pistol given and so precious to the invaders. So much for the precept.—Mr. Bond managed by him also. In 1838, the Sector looking through the vista of futurity, saw retary of that Department employs, incluhim. But luckily for Frank, the last bullet After many similar adventures, all tes. officers has grown from 174 to 414! and sive of the Indian business, about forty stood before him, would be guilty, and he

completed the work of melancholy, and Of the reform which has occurred in prey to a mortal disorder; and to conceal Mr. Bond makes a full exposition. We

Precept-The contingent expenses of this House were reported to be extrava- clerks which I first mentioned. gant. During the year 1828, the last of Mr. Adams' administration, they amount to constitute a grand division. We now tain the press, the post office, the armed

during the year 1836; being the first year tions and salaries being \$19,400.

Practice-The number of clerks has not been reduced in any one of the despenses of partments, but, on the contrary, there has partments, but, on the contrary, there has been a considerable increase. I will prove this House from \$80,000, the present and this House from \$80,000. You will add ment: last week between the Corkonian and Fardoni it. The State Department, in three years, for printing, and conhat encouraged and consoled by the address of the same ratio; and the same ratio; and

the Senate Chamber) employs fifteen Sir, has not the country been disappour clerks and two messengers. His salary ted? Have not the People been deceive and their compensation, amount to \$27,- and allured, by specious and vain promicomparing the present with the former ronage, inordinately increased, and is i state of the several subdivisions of the not still unrestrained? Is not the power Treasury Department. But, by way of over it abused and perverted? Do not "introducing economy and despatch in the the expenses of our General Government proposed to "simplify the forms of busi- tory? Why are these things so and why if not one-third of the officers in the I will tell you why, sir, but I prefer doing creased the number of officers; and the red. In his speech here, to which I have forms of business, under the new mode of already alluded, and when he assaulting that the gentleman from New York, (Mr. claimed :- "The very possession of powmittee of Ways and Means, declared here, rupt the heart. The lust of domini

The business of Indian affairs was then er from a dangerous illness, the prop

allowed a clerk at \$1,200 and a messenger sha answered, 'The Lord hath shown me ed to have crossed the Mississippi, and left officers-Conservatives and Whigs and In 1828, the Adjutant General's Office man afterwards became King by the mur-The exciseman determined on haling the territory of our State. It does not gave their places and pay to men who will employed three clerks, whose joint com. der of his master, and was guilty of en-

In 1828, the Paymaster General em- voked its use in elevating themselves to

golden coast of Peru, and a defiance sent mers expended nearly three times as great In 1838, the Ordnance office employs

In 1828, the Subsistance Department employed four clerks, whose joint compensation was \$2,950.

In 1838, the Subsistance Department employs four clerks and a messenger, whose joint compensation is \$5,880. In 1828, the Surgeon General was al owed a clerk, at \$1,150 per year.

In 1838, the Surgeon General is allowed a clerk at \$1,266 and a messenger, at \$600 per year. In 1828, the business of Indian affairs

was discharged at the War Department, by some one or two of the seventeen In 1838, this Indian business appears

hear of the "Indian Department," with a force, and the appointing power in the Practice—During the year 1836, the Commissioner, whose salary is \$3,000, a hands of the President, and will not suffer last year of the Jackson reform adminis. chief clerk, at \$1,600, and eleven clerks, them to change position and take post on tration, this item was \$200,000! And, and two messengers, the joint compensa-

"tread in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor," these expenses are \$210,000! This must be the "magician's way" of working in the rule of reduction—it was certainly unknown to old Thomas Dilworth.

Mr. Southard, who was Secretary and the Navy in 1828, employed in his luxurious style for Gen. Jackson, who will be succeeded by Mr. Van Buren; be issued to the public creditors, payable and he not coutent with the second-hand furniture of his predecessor, will cast it tricacy of the paths leading to it might sengers amounted to \$17,250. The Description of \$7,200 for all of being poisoned in the thickets, in case partment has been held for many years, with one appropriation of \$7,300, for al. of being poisoned in the thickets, in case

some of those he already has.

printing in two years!

an assistant, to whom is also paid \$15 per, quest and forcible remarks with which The Secretary of the Treasury, in the the House and to the People." We call ed eight clerks and two upon the latter to weigh well the testimo His salary, and the compen- by here adduced. That they have bee sation of the clerks and messengers, a cozened and hoodwinked by the spen thrifts at Washington City, none co The Present Secretary of that depart- | doubt, after perusing the speech of Mr. ment (and he was taken from the body of Bond.

reformers, who made proclamation from Mr. Bond says: Treasury Department," the committee far transcend in amount all our past hisness, and to organize its surbordinate has not this "plague been stayed," Mr. branches, so as to dispense with one-fourth, Speaker, according to your blighted faith simplifying, have become so complicated, the (then) Administration, he thus ex tains lessons of wisdom for the politician

him the murders and the crimes of which indignation, replied: 'Is thy servant a dog, In 1838, the Commanding General is that he should do this thing?' And Elithat thou shalt be King of Syria.' This ormities, the bare recital of which, would

> make us shudder." How true, and, alas! how applicable is his sacred illustration to those who in-

Suppose, Mr. Speaker, that some in-spired Elisha had been present when you and Mr. Buchanan, with others, engaged in the debate which has been referred to, and, moved by the sympathetic tear of the prophet, you had asked, "Why weepeth my lord ?" how would you have been astonished in being then told what the Peo-Imagine sir, the inspired one looking through the vista of a few brief years and saying, You will be placed in power, but will greatly increase the amount of all public expenditures. You will use the offices and patronage of the country for private and not for public good. You will

create offices for favorites. You will en-

large all Executive power. You will deny

the right to call for reasons on a removal

from office, and in a few years will remove more than 1500 hundred persons from office for opinion's sake! You will derange and corrupt the Post Office Department, which you now admit to be sound and you will not reform any of your designated abuses in the other Departments: You will appoint more members of Congress to office in four years than has been done in all the past history of the Government. Your bill for the abolition of the power and patronage of the Press, will clerks, and an increase in the salary of vidual gam, rather than public good. You will increase the contingent expenses of

the green, where whiskey and sail or consumed in abundance. Skelling and in a consumed in abundance. Skelling and in the sail in the consumed in abundance, skelling again to pass, the skelling again The number of clarks is increased from lindian isography.

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Metropolitan Magazine, 50 00 you now only a "electronic arrand," and after saluting the Empuror of Russia, will when denote a salary of addd, they provided a salary of speech by laying before the reader the no.

The number of clarks is increase elections, is now 8 per cent.

You, Mr. Randolph, will go upon what you now only a "electronic arrand," and after saluting the Empuror of Russia, will when denote a making pleasant sejection in the base, our heat and return to your estate in Virginia. In the base, our heat and return to your estate in Virginia.

meditors are now solicited to accept a part of their dues, and extend indulgence to the Treasury Department, for a period of time for the balance:

Now, if there was a Receiver General located at the above mentioned place, (Au-

OUTRAGE-The Wheeling Guzette of

printing in two years!

Mr. Bond cites Mr. Kendall's comunder your boasted reform, until it shall wards in attempting again to pass, the priexceed thirty millions per year!